

JULIE WANTS TO KNOW IF I CAN PET-SIT HER HAMSTER.

HOW MANY DAYS WOULD YOU HAVE TO BE GONE?

AT OUR HOUSE, MOM.

(AND VIOLATE OUR NO-RODENT ORDINANCE?)

C'MON, MOM...

MAYBE YOU CAN APPLY FOR A VARIANCE ... ALTHOUGH THE SHERIFF IN THESE PARTS ISN'T REAL FOND OF RAT-LIKE CREATURES IN HER HOUSE.

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Panel 1: A boy with glasses says, "I'M THINKING OF RUNNING FOR CLASS PRESIDENT... I BELIEVE I HAVE THE ABILITY TO FORCE A STRONG CONSENSUS."

Panel 2: Two girls talking; one says, "EVERYONE THINKS YOU'RE A SLACK-JAWED TWERP."

Panel 3: The boy and a girl talking.

Panel 4: The boy looks shocked, saying, "ISN'T THAT WHAT I SAID?"

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FANCY ANOTHER
GAME OF DARTS, SON?
GIVE YOU A CHANCE
TO GET YOUR
OWN BACK—

NOT NOW,
ANDY—I ONLY
SLIPPED OUT
OF THE HOUSE
TO BUY A NEW
BATTERY FOR
THE TV
REMOTE CONTROL

NOW THAT
YOU'RE MARRIED,
YOUR CHANCES
OF CONTROLLING
ANYTHING ARE
PRETTY REMOTE.
EH? HEH!
HEH!!

YOU
DON'T LIKE
WOMEN,
DO YOU?!

WE HEAR WITH OUR EARS MIMI, NOT OUR NOSES!

POYN CHERNO ZATIMEE!

HEER BEDDER?

I ADMIT IT... I CAN HEAR YOU BETTER WHEN I POINT MY NOSE AT YOU.

I TOL-JA!

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KVACK KVACK

HI, HELGA—HOW WAS YOUR DAY?

KVACK KVACK KVACK KVACK

KVACK

I THINK YOU SHOULD TRY TO GET OUT MORE OFTEN.

KVACK KVACK

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I NEED HELP ON THE ASSIGNMENT THAT YOU SAID IS A "NO BRAINER."

IT'S EASY. JUST SKIP THE "INTERFACE DESIGN" PHASE AND MAKE EVERYTHING BEIGE. YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH BEIGE.

I ALWAYS KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR NO-BRAINER DECISIONS.

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The Rhythms With orange

GUIDE to the COMPANY RETREAT (a series)

STEP 1: ESTABLISH A GOAL

THE PURPOSE OF THIS RETREAT IS TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AS WORKING PEOPLE IN A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT.

I HAD NO IDEA YOUR ARMS WERE SO HAIRY.

STRETCH PANTS REALLY DON'T BECOME YOU.

YOU LOOK NICER DRESSED AS A CLONE.

MILWAUKEE & PRICE 3-2

ECHO VALLEY

UNDERSTANDS
ENGLISH, GERMAN,
FRENCH & SPANISH

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STAYSKAL

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Actress **Jennifer Jones** is 79. Bluegrass singer-musician **Doc Watson** is 75. Actor **John Cullum** is 68. Former Soviet President **Mikhail S. Gorbachev** is 67. Author **Tom Wolfe** is 67. Author **John Irving** is 56. Singer **Lou Reed** is 56. Singer **Eddie Money** is 49. Actress **Laraine Newman** is 46. Singer **Jay Osmond** is 43. Pop musician **John Cowshell** (The Cowshells) is 42. Rock singer **Jon Bon Jovi** is 36.

A ₁	A ₂	A ₃	L ₁	Y ₁	W ₁ Y ₂

3rd Letter
Triple

D ₁	h	h	Y ₂	D ₂	M ₂ Y ₃

D ₃	F ₂	E ₁	O ₁	R ₁	h G ₁

B ₁	E ₂	A ₄	A ₅	U ₁	N ₁ R ₂

3rd Letter
Double

1

RACK 1

1

RACK 2

1

RACK 3

1

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 100-110

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points to each word, using the scoring chart at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Slanted" letters are any letters with no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW/ Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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For solution, see Classified.

Typed all from the top row

S V S P L I E B E Y V R O L I
F C Z W T Q N K P I F C Z W U
R P M J T E R R O R H E R C Z
X U S Q N L T J R G E E E C Z
X V P E R P E T U I T Y P T R
P Q U O T E N R E T W E P L Y
J H E C A I P O O U Y T U T W
V T R P N L T P K W Q E T I G
E C B Z X P W E E Y T I U Q E
U S R P I O M R P P W U T L J
I G E T D B A Y X W U Q O E T

Saturday's unlisted clue: OVAL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: WALK QUIETLY

Equity	Outwore	Pewter	Ten
Etiquette	Papper	Quiet	Up
Europe	Perpetuity	Quote	Win
Other	Petite	Report	

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For Tuesday, March 3, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone from afar could offer you a business opportunity. It's a good time to push career interests.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A desire for privacy shouldn't be ignored. Catch up on rest, and save time for private talks and pursuits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those in business for themselves face an increase in customers and sales. It is possible to attain something you have long desired.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good time to make important domestic decisions. Luck comes through your family, and apartment hunters meet with good fortune.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) The unemployed meet with job opportunities. If you want a better position, it is a good time to make inquiries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) An inheritance is possible, as is news about impressive investment gains. Luck comes to you through others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's best not to be concerned about career matters. Several small misunderstandings could occur.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A friendship reaches a turning point. Cultural pursuits prove relaxing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're inclined to be a loner, although creatively you're expressive. Ingenuity brings financial rewards. Trust intuition regarding financial matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Fixed ideas can impede creativity. Relax, and concepts begin to flow. Avoid petty disputes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You're inclined to be nervous, especially about a work matter, but a close friend can divert your attention quite pleasantly. Complete domestic duties.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A close lie could persuade you to change your mind. Dealings about money are touchy, especially with friends.

By Bobby Wolff

"What a joke," exclaimed South after losing today's game. "If I play for a 3-3 break in clubs (36 percent), I make the game. When I go for the better than 50 percent shot in diamonds, I lose the game." What was wrong with South's approach? South won his spade queen and started dummy's diamonds. Planning on two finesses, he led his diamond 10 and won dummy's ace when West covered. Unfortunately, when South continued with dummy's jack to East's king, West discarded instead of following suit. East returned a spade to knock out South's ace, and it was too late to bring in either minor suit without conceding five tricks to the enemy. Where did South err? He was right to rely on dummy's diamonds rather than on his own clubs. However, South should not have wasted his diamond 10. Instead, he should have led his diamond trey at trick two. The play of his low card wins whenever the play of the 10 does (when diamonds are 3-2 with honors split). It also wins whenever West has a singleton king or queen. In today's layout, after dummy captures West's singleton queen, South leads a low diamond back to his 10. Whether East wins immediately or not, dummy's two aces provide the entries to give South five diamond winners and two overtricks.

NORTH G3-02 A

▲ 8 7 4
♥ A 7
♦ A 9 7 6 2
♣ A 6

WEST

▲ K J 9 6 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ Q
♣ 10 8 3

EAST

▲ 10 5 3
♥ Q 8 4
♦ K 8 5 4
♣ Q J 2

SOUTH

▲ A Q
♥ K 10 6 3
♦ A 10 2
♣ K 9 7 5 4

Vulnerable Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Spade six

No. 0119

1 Opera house
box
5 Geography
book
10 Golfer's alert
14 Gung-ho
15 Aplomb
16 Missing from
Mannes, say
17 Trio in
Bethlehem
18 Kindergarten
adhesive
19 Onionlike pl
20 Noël Coward
play
23 Dobbin's nit
24 Postsurgical
program
28 "Total —"
(1990 film)
32 Set free

- 63 Not working
- 64 Prefix with bucks
- 65 Drink served with marshmallows
- 66 Grain for farm animals
- 67 Atop
- 68 Get used (to)
- 69 Town NNE of Santa Fe

- 1 Gentle one
- 2 Skating rink, e.g.
- 3 Lerner and
Loewe musical
- 4 Rewrite
- 5 Sex —
- 6 Wedding
offering to the
bride and groom
- 7 Daffy Duck's

CLASSICS SHARP
RACKEDUP PARER
ANTIGONE UNITE
SOI ANNLANDERS
HOVE TILL ESQ
NETS NEPAL FUI
HANGDOG FIRE
DESOTO RRATER
LANDS REITANT
BIBL REMAN ASIE
RISE MOSE ONL
ANNEBAUXTER TY
OCTAVE PARABOL
JEEWER ANIMATO
ODDEST STEPDOW

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